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Urtels yesterday most helpful interpreting fast-breaking Guatemalan situation. Line taken by you in Embtel 139 should encourage responsible Guatemalans civilian or military to weigh carefully whatever actions they take.

Department surprised and concerned about extent to which Ydigoras Fuentes has apparently played with leftists and communists in effort achieve his own personal ambition. You will of course give continuing and highest priority consideration in your reporting re possibility of extreme leftist and communist participation in whatever government may emerge. US places highest priority on keeping communists completely out of Guatemalan picture while continuing hope that constitutional procedures will be followed by Guatemalan people in their efforts establish democratic regime. A Guatemalan government with slightest communist taint would do incalculable harm US world position in addition to political and strategic setback it would represent in Latin America.

Appreciate your comment as to advisability or feasibility making known this concern directly to Ydigoras or one of his advisors.

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